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1. On 13 May 1952 at 0800 hours Kurt Gregor, head of the Economic Division of the
SED Central Committee, held a meeting in his office at which the following people
were present:

Ernst Wollweber State Secretary in the Ministry of Transport;

Gerhard Weiss, head of the Main Department Import in the Ministry for Foreign
and Internal Trade;

Kurt Kratz, head of the Machine Construction section of the MAIN.

Also present were representatives from the Ministry for Construction, the Ministry
of Agriculture and the State Secretariat for Coal and Power. The meeting was to
draw up lists, with estimated costs, of machinery urgently required in East
Germany. Seven lists were called for, to cover the
following categories:

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Estimated Cost in Eastmarks

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| a. Agricultural machinery | 4,910,000 |
| b. Machinery for the reconstruction
of Berlin. | 1,670,000 |
| c. Machinery for general construction
(Maschinen für Zentrale Bauten) | 6,535,000 |
| d. Machinery for railway construction | 4,380,000 |
| e. Machinery for road construction | 10,002,000 |

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f. Machinery for mining 16,002,000

g. Machines for making construction machinery
(Bearbeitungsmaschinen für Maschinenbau) 3,340,000

Totals 19,342,000

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2. [redacted] Gerhard Weiss [redacted] as a result of these discussions [redacted] would be flying to Moscow in about ten days time with a delegation. Among those accompanying him, Weiss mentioned Brendel (rfu), DIA Maschinen, and Petersen (rfu) of DIA Transportmaschinen. MALE officials.

1. [redacted] Comment: Kurt Gregor was, at the time of the above meeting and until 1 June 1952, State Secretary in the Ministry for Foreign and Internal German Trade.

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